

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Typed or Printed Name	Cindy Hoang		
Signature	Cindy Hoang	Date	10/10/2001

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 EXAMINING GROUP 1655 Address to: Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	UCAL142CON 2046
	First Named Inventor	N.B. Freimer
	Application Number	08/976,560
	Filing Date	November 24, 1997
	Group Art Unit	1655
	Examiner Name	L. Arthur
	Title	Methods for treating bipolar mood disorder associated with markers on chromosome 18p

RECEIVED
 OCT 22 2001
 TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 24, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 24, 2001. A Petition for a three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before October 24, 2001. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the amendment to claim 1, as shown below.

1. (Twice Amended) A method of detecting an increased susceptibility to bipolar mood disorder (BP) in an individual comprising:

analyzing a sample of DNA from a test individual for the presence of a DNA polymorphism associated with BP on the short arm of chromosome 18 between SAVA5 and ga203, wherein the presence in the test individual of a polymorphism associated with BP which is present on a disease chromosome indicates that the test individual has an increased susceptibility to develop BP.

OK to
 enter
 10/24/01
 VBS